Rebuilding of Cities Damaged by Gujarat Earthquake

1148. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to stale:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rebuilding of cities damaged or destroyed during the recent earthquake in Gujarat will cost about Rs. 30.000 crores; and

(b) if so. Government's plan and time-frame for rehabilitation of the cities and towns and victims of the calamity"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The earthquake in Gujarat has caused extensive damage to life & property. However the exact cost of rebuilding of houses & infrastructure is yet to be worked out by the State Government. The State Government has reported that the cost of rebuilding of cities damaged or destroyed during the earthquake in Gujarat will be available only after a general consensus is available from the people of the city, as to whether they wish to relocate or continue to stay in the same place.

(b) The State Government is planning and formulating action plan for rehabilitation of earthquake affected people and reconstruction of damaged buildings and infrastructure as early as possible. HUDCO & BMTPC are extending all possible help to the State agencies in drawing up a comprehensive techno financial action plan in this regard.

Refusal of CBI to Investigate All Cases of Unauthorised Constructions

1149. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI had expressed its inability to investigate all the cases referred by his Ministry regarding unauthorised constructions in posh residential localities in Delhi:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to continue their drive against the unauthorised and illegal constructions in the light of CBI's inability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. CBI had expressed some difficulties in

investigating all the 31 cases of unauthorised constructions, earlier referred to them by this Ministry, on the grounds of constraints of manpower.

On the request of the CBI, this Ministry has taken up the matter with the concerned authorities for creation of a Special Cell in the CBI for exclusively handling such cases of unauthorised constructions in Delhi.

Eviction of Illegal Occupants of Government Quarters and Land at G-Point Gole Dak Khana

† 1150. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) the details of action taken to evict the illegal occupants of Government quarters and land situated at G- point, Gole Dak Khana, New Delhi;

(b) the reasons for not getting the above quarters and land vacated by Government; and

(c) by when Government will remove the illegal occupations at the said place?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) As per the report of the CPWD, 111 numbers of hutments were handed over to CPWD by P&T Department sometime in January, 1986. Another 5 hutments were also proposed to be handed over to CPWD subsequently after their vacation by P & T Deptt. As per the joint survey carried out in March, 2000 by MCD (Slum & JJ Wing) and CPWD, the following encroachments were identified in the plot.

(i) 60 jhuggies on open land.

(ii) Encroachments in 115 hutments comprising of 175 families.

(b) and (c) Encroachments are being reomoved as per the policy of the Gonernment depending upon the priority of requirement of a particular site / land for public purpose, availability of land and funds for resettlement of squatters etc.

Committee on Demolitions at Sainik Farms

1151. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state;

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.